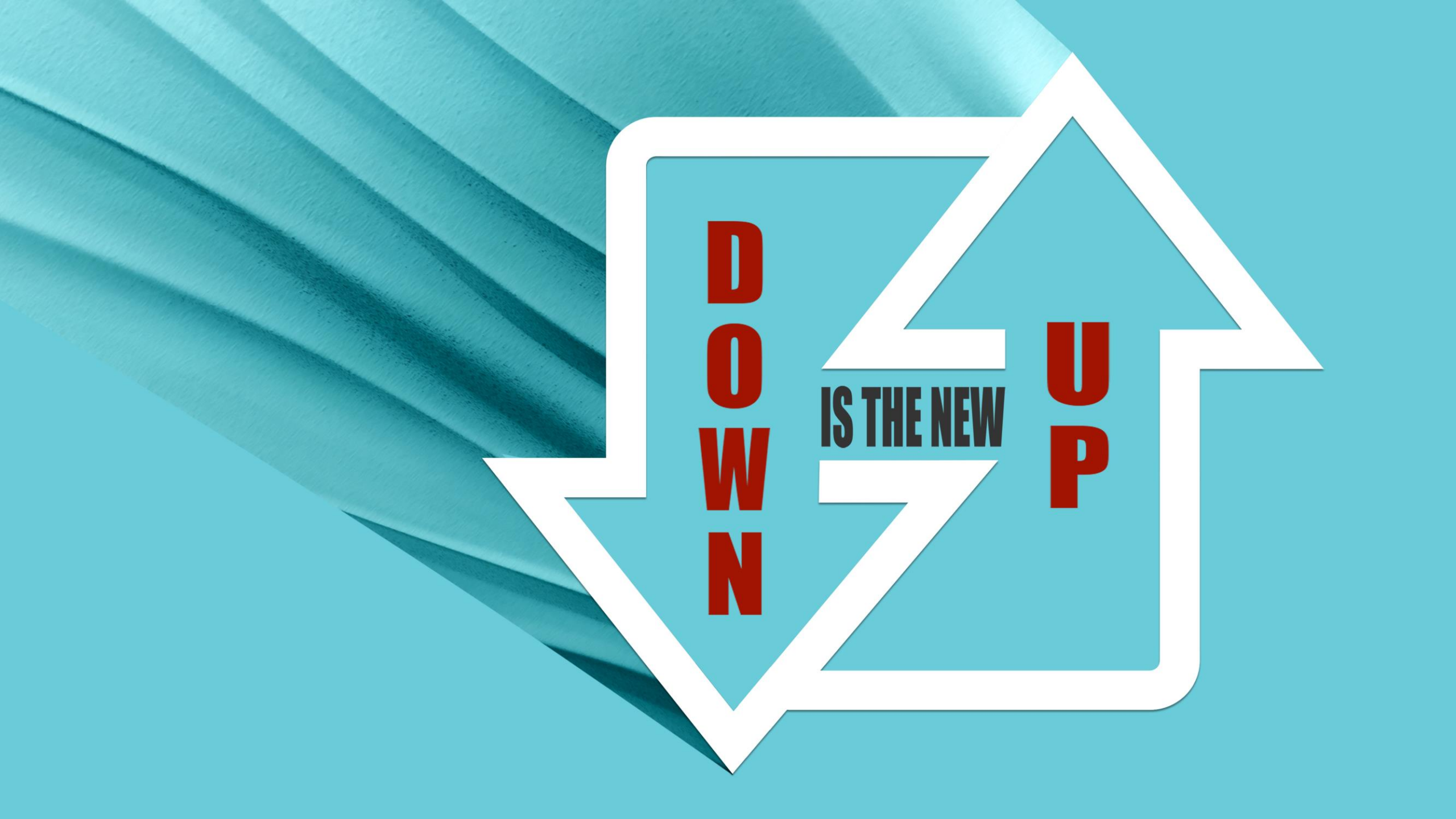


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MATTHEW 5:1-2

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:



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MATTHEW 5:3-5

- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.



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MATTHEW 5:6-8

- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



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MATTHEW 5:9-12

- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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MATTHEW 5:13-16

¹³ You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”



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“Since all the beatitudes describe what every Christian disciple is intended to be, we conclude that the condition of being despised and rejected, slandered and persecuted, is as much a normal mark of Christian discipleship as being pure in heart or merciful. Every Christian is to be a peacemaker, and every Christian is to expect opposition. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will suffer for the righteousness they crave... It has been so in every age. We should not be surprised if anti-Christian hostility increases, but rather be surprised if it does not.”

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LUKE 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”



JOHN 1:9-11

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.



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2 TIMOTHY 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted...



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1 PETER 4:14-16

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.



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1 PETER 2:19-23

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.



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“We are not to retaliate like an unbeliever, nor to sulk like a child, nor to lick our wounds in self-pity like a dog, nor just to grin and bear it like a Stoic, still less to pretend we enjoy it like a masochist. What then? We are to rejoice as a Christian should rejoice.”

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¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.



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